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TO : Acting Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 3 August 1950

FROM : Chief, FDD

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - July 1950

## 1. Implementation of Recently Proposed Plans

## a. Captured Documents.

On 28 July representatives of the JIC and OC/CIA met to discuss the JIC recommendation that Army be given the responsibility of establishing on the national level an appropriate exploitation activity for captured documents. The JIC representatives indicated that one of their primary concerns in the handling of captured documents was the establishment of a unified procedure for theater commands. Further, that with no NSCID establishing a unified procedure in Washington for the exploitation of documents in intelligence interest they have felt it necessary that a procedure be established against any emergency that may develop. OC representatives pointed out CIA's interest in captured documents. JIC representatives stated that they recognized the the interest of CIA and other government agencies in information contained in captured documents and that they would like to give this question further consideration prior to recommending to CIA what further steps should be taken toward bringing CIA more closely into the picture.

## b. Allocation of Foreign Publications by State Department

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A conference was held on 21 July with representatives of IAD, State, OCD and FDD to discuss allocation of USSR publications to CIA and related problems. On the problem of allocation State indicated that all 1950 issues of USSR publications allocation had already been effective for several months and could not be altered at this time. They indicated, however, [ ] items which CIA is interested in and which had been allocated to other agencies that the Department of Agriculture, Army Medical Library and the Library of Congress are willing to provide copies to CIA on request. Further, that for such of these [ ] as were allocated to the [ ] the State Department will furnish CIA with microfilm copies of these. In addition they indicated that State Department had been able to obtain a second copy of a number of those included in the [ ] that where they can obtain a second copy of these such copy is immediately forwarded to FDD. Representatives of IAD also stated they will be glad to review the entire

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problem of allocation shortly with all interested agencies when it is time to establish allocation for 1951 issues of USSR publications.

2. Accomplishments

a. Procurement of Foreign Language Publications

Among the more than 1,000 publications received during the month through non-routine sources were included one new USSR periodical entitled [redacted] and issues of four Estonian and Latvian newspapers not available on open subscription.

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b. (1) Procurement of Foreign Language Publications through Routine Sources

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- (2) During the month many Chinese Communist newspapers were obtained through State Department channels. About 26 titles, including some from Peiping and Harbin, are being received with a time lag of two to three weeks from date of publication.
- (3) Under arrangement between FDD and Eurasian Branch, ID approximately 1,000 foreign language publications were made available to FDD on loan for exploitation. Included with these were approximately 100 North Korean newspapers and periodicals for 1950 which were located in Document File Section, ID.
- (4) During July in addition to the regular receipts of newspapers 40 new foreign newspapers were received covering 15 different languages.

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d. Transfer of exploited publications during the month.

One thousand seven hundred newspapers were forwarded to

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the Library of Congress via the CIA Library.

3. Proposals for Improvement

- a. A Discussion of Requirements with State Department on 25 July.

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Representatives of OCD, IAD, State, and FDD met to discuss possible improvements in guide-type requirements submitted by State Department on FDD. It was concluded that several State Department guides over a year old should be reviewed by OIR with a view toward bringing them up to date. In addition, the State Department representative suggested that it would be extremely helpful if FDD could undertake the preparation of a requirements or targets list [redacted] on perhaps a semi-annual basis. Due to the complexity of this problem it was agreed that such a list should probably be split up and handled separately on an area basis, excluding scientific. FDD indicated with concurrence of the OCD representative that it would prepare such a list for one area on a trial basis. Under this proposal this list would be multilithed and disseminated by OCD to each of the intelligence agencies with the request that they review and amend such list in accordance with their interests.

- b. It is planned that FDD will change its working hours to 0730 to 1600 for the remaining summer months.



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